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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, George E. Sangmeister was born in Frankfort in  
3 1931; he served as Will County States Attorney and later served  
4 in both the Illinois House of Representatives and the Illinois  
5 Senate; and

6           WHEREAS, George Sangmeister was elected to Congress in  
7 November of 1988, and was re-elected to the House in 1990 and  
8 again in 1992, retiring in January of 1995; while in Congress,  
9 he served on three House Committees: Public Works and  
10 Transportation, Veteran's Affairs, and Judiciary; and

11           WHEREAS, In more than 30 years of public service, George E.  
12 Sangmeister has held office in every branch of government; he  
13 began his public career as a Justice of the Peace and  
14 Magistrate of the Circuit Court of Will County in 1961; from  
15 1964-68, he served as State's Attorney In Will County; he was  
16 elected in 1972 to the Illinois House of Representatives for  
17 two terms and returned to Springfield as Illinois Senator from  
18 1976 to 1987; in the Senate he served as both chairman of the  
19 Senate Judiciary Committee and the chairman of the Senate  
20 Executive Committee; he was named one of the "Top Ten  
21 Legislators" in a 1985 poll conducted by the Chicago Sun-Times;  
22 and

1           WHEREAS, George E. Sangmeister is a member of many civic  
2 organizations: the Frankfort Unit of the American Cancer  
3 Society; the Silver Cross Hospital Foundation Board; the  
4 American Legion; and the Frankfort Lions Club and is a member  
5 and former Chairman of the Support Committee for the Abraham  
6 Lincoln National Cemetery; he served as a member of the  
7 Lincoln-Way High School District 210 Board of Education from  
8 September 1970 through April 1973; he is a former member of the  
9 Board of Directors of Joliet Junior College Foundation; he  
10 served as Chairman of the Housing Foundation of Will County,  
11 serving the homeless and those in need of affordable housing;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, George E. Sangmeister chaired the committee that  
14 planned the transfer of the Joliet Arsenal from military to  
15 civilian use; he personally designated the committee to  
16 allocate almost 1,000 acres as the site for the now established  
17 Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery; and

18           WHEREAS, George E. Sangmeister is married to Doris  
19 (Hinspeter) Sangmeister and is the father of Kurt and Kimberly  
20 and the grandfather of Jordan, Cole, Keegan, and Kinzie; and

21           WHEREAS, A sculpture will be dedicated on May 26, 2007 at  
22 the Frankfort Founders Center to George E. Sangmeister for his  
23 hard work and devotion to the Village of Frankfort, the County

1 of Will, and the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
3 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
4 honor the life of George E. Sangmeister and acknowledge the  
5 legacy and history of this important person in the life of  
6 Frankfort; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to George E. Sangmeister and the Village of Frankfort  
9 as a symbol of our respect.